Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Number of Employment Exchanges
1	2	3	4
17.	Uttar Pradesh	24
18.	West Bengal	3
19.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
20.	Chandigarh	1
21.	Pondicherry	1
	TOTAL	117

Problems in Implementation of ESI Scheme

4325. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of the Employees State Insurance Scheme is done by Union and State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with the manner of mechanism ensuring coordinating between Union and State Government;

(c) whether this mechanism has witnessed some problems in its implementation:

(d) whether some steps have been suggested to improve working of the scheme to the satisfaction of workers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and measures to be taken to implement such suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The notification regarding the area in which the ESI Scheme is to be implemented is issued by the Central Government. Thereafter, the Scheme is administered by the ESI Corporation and the State Governments. Except in the case of Delhi and NOIDA, under the existing arrangement medical care is provided by the concerned State Government. However, the expenditure of medical care is shared by the ESI Corporation and the State-Governments in the ratio of 7:1. The functioning of the Scheme is reviewed by the ESI Corporation, its general purpose committee and the regional boards which are tripartite bodies consisting of representatives of government, employers and employees. The cash benefits to the insured persons are administered by the ESI Corporation through its regional/local offices. There have been sporadic complaints about shortage of doctors, medicines, equipments etc. in the ESI hospitals/dispensaries. Such complaints are forwarded to State Government for taking remedial action. There have been no serious complaints with regard to administration of cash benefits.

Children and Women Engaged in Beedi Rolling Industry

4326. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people including children and women, are en-